

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 10–17 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The new claims, as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these claims are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 1-9 are canceled.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Downs et al. (U.S. Patent 6,574,609) in view of Hatakeyama et al. (U.S. Patent 6,873,975). However, the present claims now recite “usage detail selection means for selecting usage details of said second information received by said reception means based on said usage conditions of said second information and said reference information stored in said first storage means.” (Claim 10; Claim 14 contains similar limitations) Applicants respectfully submit that neither Downs nor Hatakeyama discloses an analogous feature. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the combination of Downs and Hatakeyama fails to obviate the present invention and the new claims should be allowed.

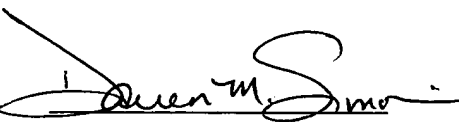
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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